

REMARKS

On page 2 of the Action, claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tanizawa.

In view of the rejection, claims 1-10 have been canceled, and new claims 11-19 have been filed.

As clearly recited in claim 11, a safety hat of the invention comprises a hat body, and a visor portion attached to the hat body. The hat body includes a top portion with a rear end, a front eave portion extending from the top portion and having a lower end, and a back portion extending from the top portion and having an upper portion. The upper portion of the back portion is located inside the rear end of the top portion with a space therebetween to form a rear air hole therebetween.

The visor portion includes a front end outside the hat body, a top end located inside the hat body without a portion extending inwardly therefrom, and an upper surface smoothly curved upwardly from the front end toward the top end.

In the invention, the top end of the visor portion is disposed laterally away from the lower end of the front eave portion inside the hat body, and located vertically above the lower end of the front eave portion so that the visor portion continuously smoothly extends inwardly into the hat body with a space relative to the lower end of the front eave portion to form a front air hole between the lower end of the front eave portion and the visor portion.

Also, in the invention, the top portion and the front eave portion of the hat body have a smooth inner surface to smoothly pass air entering from the front air hole to the rear air hole.

The structures or parts of claim 11 and its dependent claims now clearly defined are shown in the original drawings. Therefore, the amendments do not introduce new matter. If required, the parts will be shown in the drawings.

In Tanizawa, a helmet comprises a main portion 1 with a visor h and a top area, and a cover portion 2 covering the top area of the main portion 1. The main portion 1 includes engaging holes 1a, and openings 1b spaced by stems 1c, at a front side; openings 1e and engaging holes 1d, at a rear side; and openings 1g at a top portion. The cover portion 2 includes openings 2b with comb portions 2a, openings 2d with comb portions 2c, and openings 2g at the center area thereof. The comb portions 2a engage the engaging holes 1a, and the comb portions 2c engage the engaging holes 1d.

The front end of the cover portion 2 partly covers the openings 1b of the main portion, and also, the rear end of the cover portion 2 partly covers the openings 1e of the main portion, to prevent water entering into the openings 1b, 1e in rain.

In Tanizawa, the combination of the main portion 1 and the cover portion 2 form the complete helmet.

In the invention, the visor portion includes the top end located inside the hat body without a portion extending inwardly therefrom. In Tanizawa, the main portion 1 includes the visor h and the top area with the various openings and comb portions. The visor h does not have the top end without a portion extending inwardly therefrom, different from the invention.

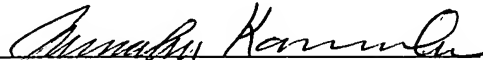
In the invention, the top end of the visor portion is disposed laterally away from the lower end of the front eave portion inside the hat body, and located vertically above the lower end of the front eave portion so that the visor portion continuously smoothly extends inwardly into the hat body with a space relative to the lower end of the front eave portion to form a front air hole between the lower end of the front eave portion and the visor portion. In Tanizawa, the openings 1b are formed inside the visor h, but the openings 1b are not defined between the visor portion and the lower end of the front eave portion, different from the invention.

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The features now clearly defined in claim 11 are not disclosed or suggested in Tanizawa. The helmet of the invention is different from that of Tanizawa. Claim 11 is patentable over Tanizawa.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

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